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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafli I'tikaf' because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafli (supererogatory) I'tikaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah, the Owner of Jannah ﷺ has said, 'When two people who care for each other, meet one another, shake hands and recite Salat upon the Prophet (ﷺ), their past and future sins are forgiven before they separate from each other.' (Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 3, pp. 95, Hadees 2951)

بخش دو جُرم و خطا تم پہ کروڑوں دُرود

گرچہ میں بے حد قُصور تم ہو عَفْو و عَفْو

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ اَللّٰهُمَّ اُذْكُرُوا اللّٰهَ, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salaam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Intentions of delivering the Bayan

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the rewards.

2. I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah ﷻ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: ‘Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.’ (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

‘Convey from me even if it is a single verse.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.
6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In’amaat and to join the ‘Ilaqa’i Daura for Nayki ki Da’wat’ (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.
8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ is the chosen and beloved Prophet of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and has been bestowed with special rewards and favours, that is why, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ always remained steadfast in the face of Divine trials and tribulations with the blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Let's listen to one of the most famous parable of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ followed by Madani pearls obtained from it.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The same dream during three nights

On the eighth night of Zul-Hajj, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ dreamt that someone said, 'Indeed Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded you to sacrifice your son.' From dawn to dusk, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ continued contemplating whether the dream was from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ or from satan. This is the reason why the eighth of Zul-Hajj was named 'يَوْمُ التَّرْوِيَةِ', i.e. the day of contemplation. On the ninth night of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ had the same dream and was convinced that the dream was from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, which is why the ninth of Zul-Hajj is referred to as 'يَوْمُ عَرَفَةَ', i.e. the day of recognition. After he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ had the same dream once again on the tenth of Zul-Hajj, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ made a firm intention of sacrificing his son, it is for this reason the tenth of Zul-Hajj is called 'يَوْمُ النَّحْرِ', i.e. the day of sacrifice. (*Tafseer-e-Kabeer, vol. 9, pp. 346*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Unique way of complying with Divine commandment

Dear Islamic brothers! The status and rank of the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ are exalted and higher than the rest of creation, therefore the hardships they experienced are also greater, but look at the patience and steadfastness of these blessed personalities that they not only bear the hardships gracefully but also attain higher status in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, they also

prepare their family members for the trials to come in the future; these are the great sacrifices which become lessons for the people of the world. As the dreams of the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ are revelations to them.

(Al-Mustadrak, vol. 3, pp. 214, Tafseer Surah As-Saffaat, Hadees 3665)

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام understood that my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ commands me to sacrifice my son. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was immediately ready to sacrifice his son upon the Divine command and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had also related the whole story to his beloved son Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and asked, 'Now you tell me what is your opinion about this?' It is stated in *Tafseer-e-Khaazin* that Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not consult Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام with this purpose that if Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام opposes the idea then Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام may act upon his opinion, rather it was aimed at testing Sayyiduna Isma'eel's patience and steadfastness over this test and submit to the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and so that he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام could receive the reward of obeying Divine commands. Upon listening to this blessed dream, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام answered with great submission, which the Glorious Quran states in following words:

قَالَ يَا أَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: He said, 'O my father! Do what you are commanded to do! Allah willing, you will soon find me patiently enduring!'

(Part 23, Surah As-Saffaat, verse 102)

Tie me tightly with the ropes

It is stated in *Tafseer-e-Khaazin* that Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام further said to his father: Dear father! Tie me up tightly with ropes before you sacrifice me so that I may not move because I fear my reward may get reduced. Protect your clothes too from the splashes of my blood so that my mother does not become grieved upon looking at them. Sharpen the knife well so that it may slit my throat properly because death is extremely painful. Make me lie on my

front placing my forehead towards the ground so that you may not look at my face while sacrificing me. And when you go to my mother, please convey my Salaam to her. And if you consider it appropriate, so please give my Qamees [i.e. a long loose and full-sleeved shirt] to her. This will help to console her in being patient. Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام said, 'O my son! How cooperative you are in carrying out the order of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ!'

Thereafter, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام tied his son, made him lie on his front with his forehead placed towards the ground; having sharpened his knife, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام looked away and drew the knife across the neck of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام but the knife did not cut, i.e. his throat was not slit. (*Tafseer-e-Khaazin, vol. 4, pp. 22*)

Heavenly ram and blessed words

After Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام made Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام lie on the ground to slaughter him, Sayyiduna Jibraeel عليه السلام brought a ram from Paradise as Fidyah with the order of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and uttered loudly from a distance 'اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ'. Listening to this voice, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام lifted his head towards the sky and realized that this test from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has turned into ease and a ram has been sent as Fidyah to be sacrificed in place of his son. Delighted, he عليه السلام said 'لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ'.

Listening to this, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام said, 'اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ'. Since then, the Sunnah of reciting these blessed words by these three most revered and sacred personalities عليهم الصلوة والسلام will continue till the Day of Judgement.

(*Binayah Sharah Hidayah, vol. 3, pp. 130*)

Dear Islamic brothers! The abovementioned blessed parable is full of Madani pearls for us as you have heard that when Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام related his dream to Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام. Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام, instead of being grieved, he عليه السلام rejoiced, considered himself fortunate that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ accepted his sacrifice and he عليه السلام immediately got ready to fulfil this command demonstrating his willingness, whereas, on the other hand, if somebody experiences a little test or trouble in his life, he begins to

complain, even **مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** sometimes, on such occasions, some people say words of disbelief, expressing his impatience and earning the displeasure of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, we should exercise great patience on such occasions as this test is also a blessing from Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

Sayyiduna Anas **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** narrated, the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated, 'The greatest reward comes with the greatest trial. When Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** loves any nation He **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** tests it. Whoever accepts, they win His pleasure but whoever does not earns His wrath.'

(Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab-ul-Fitan, vol. 4, pp. 374, Raqm 4031)

This blessed incident shows the lesson of training children. Our children are the light of our eyes and serenity of our hearts, but before this they are the slaves of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and are Ummatis of the Greatest and Holiest Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** and then important individuals of society. If our training could not make them devoted towards the blessed Sunnah, obedient to the Noblest Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** and bring hatred to sins then abandon the dream of making them obedient to you because It is the blessed religion 'Islam' that caters to a Muslim the moral teaching of being obedient and submissive. Therefore, we should be ready to provide them with ethical and spiritual training too along with good clothing, food and other necessities of life.

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Construction of Makka-tul-Mukarramah

When Sayyiduna Ibraheem **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ** came to Makkah with Sayyidatuna Haajirah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** (the blessed mother of Sayyiduna Isma'eel **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ**) and left her there. A long time had passed and the Jurham tribe had set up camp here to inhabit the place. (Sayyiduna Isma'eel **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ** had grown up into a young man in the course of time) Sayyiduna Isma'eel **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ** married a women belonging to that tribe, the blessed mother of Sayyiduna Isma'eel **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا**, Sayyidatuna Haajirah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** passed away in that period of time.

After a long time, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام visited his son's house and asked his wife, 'Where is your husband?' She humbly replied, 'He has gone for hunting, may Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bless you, please have a seat, إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ he will be arriving.' Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام asked, 'Do you have anything to eat?' She answered in the affirmative and served him with milk and meat.' Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام inquired about their living, she humbly said, 'We are happy and أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ we are prosperous. Thereafter, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عليه السلام prayed for blessings for both of them and said convey his Salam when her husband returned, and said tell him to keep the threshold of his gate firm.'

Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام, upon returning, sensed the fragrance of his blessed father and asked his wife, 'Did anybody come here?' She replied, 'Yes! A good-looking, fragrant and pious elderly person came here' she then related the whole incident. She further added, 'I washed his blessed head and here are the marks of his footsteps.' Listening to the whole story, Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام said, 'He (عليه السلام) was my father and you are the threshold of the gate. He (عليه السلام) has ordered me to keep you with me.'

(Rooh-ul-Bayan, vol. 1, pp. 225)

Dear Islamic brothers! Through this incident, we have learnt this lesson that we should serve our guest according to our capacity and we should always express gratitude towards Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in every state even when we experience poverty and destitution. Also we learn that while providing training to our wives, we should teach them rights of the husband, ways to become a righteous and good wife, express the words of gratitude always preventing from showing ingratitude and forgetfulness of the favours. Undoubtedly, one of the characteristics of a righteous and exemplary wife is that she is always grateful to the favours of her husband and never shows ungratefulness by denying the favours because she understands it well that her husband is a strong support for her and is a blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, who meets her necessities and through her husband she is granted the blessings of children, but unfortunately, in our society, many Islamic sisters are victims of the curse of ingratitude; the moment they look at others' somewhat better houses, excellent clothing and precious jewellery, they start expressing ingratitude

and **مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** while complaining some even utter words like: *'I don't know for what sin, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made us poor' 'I have been so unfortunate that I was not blessed with comfort in my paternal home nor in my father-in-law's home; look at such and such a woman, she is leading a life of luxury and I am suffering with starvation'* etc. Similarly, some are trapped in this habit that despite being provided with good food, clothing and jewellery (according to one's capacity) if even one desire is not fulfilled (for any reason), they forget all favours of the husband, and she says: *'Ah! I have never experienced any comfort in this house, nor is any of my desire fulfilled; I have come under an unlucky star, I have got married to such a person like you'* etc. Remember! The words of ingratitude can not only ruin a woman's worldly life but also her Hereafter life.

The Noble Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated: I saw that the majority of its inhabitants were women. The blessed Sahabah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ** humbly asked, 'Ya Rasoolallah **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**! What is the reason for that?' He **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** replied, 'Because of their ungratefulness.' It was humbly asked, 'Are they ungrateful to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**?' He **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** replied, 'They are not thankful to their husbands and are ungrateful for the favours done to them. Even if you do good to one of them your whole life, if you fail in fulfilling something, she will say: *I have never seen any good from you.*'

(Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-un-Nikah, vol. 3, pp. 463, Hadees 5197)

And those Islamic sisters who play the role of being obedient and thankful to their husbands, they have the glad tiding of Jannah. The Beloved and Blessed Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated, 'If a woman prays five (daily Salahs), observes fasts in the month of Ramadan, guards her chastity and obeys her husband, it will be said to her, 'Enter Paradise from whichever door you wish.'

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, pp. 406, Hadees 1661)

Remember! The wife should avoid expressing ingratitude towards her husband's favours because these types of things bring about hatred and hostility in the heart of the husband which may lead to a strain in the relationship between husband and wife, Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** forbid, causing marital discord, then nothing is left but a life-long regret. Nevertheless, a successful wife never utters words

of ingratitude and keeps her husband pleased by being obedient and grateful to him always. The beautiful and lovely relationship between wife and husband may proceed gracefully if both of them properly fulfil the due rights of each other.

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Virtues of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has granted enormous virtues upon Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام which are mentioned in the Glorious Quran at many places. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the pioneer of Makkah Mukarramah and the blessed Ka'bah is also built by him, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is 'جَدُّ الْعَرَبِ' (grandfather of the Arab people) and Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is 'أَبُو الْعَرَبِ' (father of the Arab people). The amazing Aab-e-Zamzam which is a miracle of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام (prior to the announcement of Prophethood) will continue flowing until the Hereafter. Only two miracles will remain till the Day of Judgement (1) The water of Zamzam sprang out where Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام rubbed his feet against the sand. (2) The Deen of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ i.e., the Glorious Quran, blessed Hadees, rulings, laws and worship. (*Tafseer-e-Na'eemi, vol. 16, pp. 285*)

Memorable miracle of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! The miracle of Aab-e-Zamzam, that will benefit us until the Hereafter, is superior to any other type of water. A long period has passed, but still this sacred water is flowing with its blessings and curing the internal and external diseases of the people. A'la Hadrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمَنِ has stated: One of the miracles of the Zamzam water is that too, it keeps changing its distinct taste, sometimes saltish, sometimes extremely sweet and if it is taken at 2 AM in the night, it gives the taste of fresh and pure milk of cow; whoever has Zamzam in abundance, he needs no food and no medicine. (*Malfuzaat-e-A'la Hadrat, pp. 435*)

It is stated in a blessed Hadees: Zamzam is a food for eating and a healing from sickness. *(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 4, pp. 358, Hadees 2)*

Let's listen to three blessed Ahadees about Aab-e-Zamzam:

1. The water of Zamzam is sufficient for whatever purpose of the world and Hereafter is drunk for. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 490, Hadees 3062)*
2. Drinking Aab-e-Zamzam to heart's content gets rid of hypocrisy. *(Al-Firdaus-ul-Akhbaar, vol. 1, pp. 309, Hadees 2255)*
3. The best water on the face of the earth is the water of Zamzam. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 11, pp. 80, Hadees 11167)*

Zamzam water is a sign of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen that how Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made this water full of blessings, healing and dignity that where it rekindles the remembrance and devotion in the hearts of Muslim till the Day of Qiyamah, it also is a Shifa (cure) for patients, troubled, grieved, sad and all those inflicted with outer and inner-self diseases. Truly, the thing privileged to have the affinity & relation with the blessed body part of Allah loving people obtains glory, dignity and distinction even becomes 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' the sign of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

The renowned commentator of Glorious Quran, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عَلَيهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْكَرِيمِ has stated: Safa and Marwah are those blessed mountains upon which Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَحِمَیَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا ran seven times in search of water and consequently both these blessed mountains become 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' signs of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ due to the blessings of blessed footsteps of Sayyidatuna Haajirah رَحِمَیَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا, the beloved of Allah and now until the Day of Judgement, ascending and descending seven times from Safa and Marwah mountain has become incumbent upon the pilgrims. By the blessing of pious and virtuous people, things become 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' the signs of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

In short! Blessed things of beloved people of Allah are 'شَعَائِرُ اللَّهِ' signs of

Allah ﷺ such as the Noble Quran, Holy Ka'bah, Safa Marwah mountains, Makkah Mu'azzamah, Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, Toor-e-Seena, the blessed shrines of saints and Zamzam etc. (*'Ilm-ul-Quran*, pp. 48-50)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Glorious Quran has mentioned blessed name of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام at many places glorifying the dignity and eminence as Allah ﷺ says at one place in Glorious Quran:

وَإِذْ كُنَّا فِي الْكِتَابِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ صَادِقَ الْوَعْدِ وَكَانَ رَسُولًا نَبِيًّا ﴿٥٤﴾ وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ وَكَانَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا ﴿٥٥﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And remember Isma'eel in the Book; he was indeed true to his promise and was a Noble Messenger, a Prophet. He used to command his people to offer prayer and give charity, and was liked by his Lord. (*Part 16, Surah Maryam, verse 54-55*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Aforementioned blessed verse describes 4 characteristics of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام: (1) He عليه السلام was true to his promise (2) He عليه السلام was a communicator of unseen knowledge (3) He عليه السلام commanded his people to offer Salah and give charity (4) He عليه السلام was the beloved bondsman of Allah ﷺ.

True to promise!

Dear Islamic brothers! Bear this fact in mind that all the blessed Prophets عليهم السلام are true to promise, but Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام occupies a special distinction in this virtue. He عليه السلام honoured the promise which he had given his blessed father Sayyiduna Ibraheem Khaleelullah عليه السلام and admirably fulfilled it with great patience and fortitude at the time of slaughtering. (*Tafseer-e-Khaazin*, vol. 4, pp. 22)

A person once made a promise to Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to meet at a place. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام reached at location but the man who was supposed to come forgot and even it grew evening; he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام spend the whole night at that place. In morning, when that person came and left astonished to see him there, humbly said, 'Did not you go from here?' Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, 'No, how could I leave before you come?' (*Tafseer Tabari, vol. 4, pp. 351*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen the excellent traits of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام; he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام even being a Prophet stayed the whole night at that location in order to honour and fulfill his promise which he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had made to his Ummati. Therefore, we should fulfill our promise, adopting mentioned blessed habit of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام if there is no Shar'i compulsion. But, alas breach of promise is rampant in our society and even it is not regarded awkward and disapproving though backing out of promise and breach of trust is Haraam and Gunah-e-Kabirah (major sin) because fulfilling promise is incumbent upon Muslim according to Shari'ah. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in Glorious Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ ۖ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who believe! Fulfil your words (agreements). (*Part 6, Surah Al-Maidah, verse 1*)

Similarly, it is stated in Surah Bani Israel:

إِنَّ الْعَهْدَ كَانَ مَسْئُولًا ۖ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed the promise will be asked about. (*Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, verse 34*)

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا said, the Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘Whoever breaches the trust and breaks the promise of a Muslim will incur the curse of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the angels and all the people; neither any of his obligatory act will be accepted nor supererogatory act. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 370, Hadees 3179)

It is stated in another blessed Hadees that people will not be perished unless they breach the trust of their people. (Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 166, Hadees 4347)

What is called breach of promise?

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed the severe kind of promises of punishment for sins regarding breaching of promise that those who do so incur the curse of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the angels and all the people; neither any of their obligatory act will be accepted nor supererogatory act.

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Breaking a promise does not mean that a person promises to do something, and he has a solid intention to fulfill the promise. In fact, breaking a promise means that a person promises to do something, but he intends not to fulfill it.

(Al-Jami'-ul-Akhlaq Ar-Rawi Al-Khateeb-ul-Baghdad, vol. 2, pp. 60, Hadees 1179)

In another blessed Hadees, it is stated that when a person makes a promises to his brother keeping the intention of fulfilling it and if he is unable to fulfil it then it is not a sin. (Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 388, Hadees 4995)

حسد، وعدہ خلافی، جُھوٹ، چُغلی، غیبت و گالی
 مجھے ان سب گناہوں سے ہونفرت یا رسول اللہ
 مرے اخلاق اچھے ہوں مرے سب کام اچھے ہوں
 بنا دو مجھ کو تم پابند سنت یا رسول اللہ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! One of the righteous qualities of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام mentioned in Glorious Quran is that:

وَكَانَ يَأْمُرُ أَهْلَهُ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And he [Sayyiduna Isma'eel عليه السلام] used to command his people to offer prayer and give charity.

(Part 16, Surah Maryam, verse 55)

So, we have learnt that persuading our family towards righteousness deeds and making them habitual of Salah is a Sunnah of the blessed Prophets عليهم الصلوة والسلام. Therefore, we should not only offer five times Salah punctually in the first row of the Masjid with 'Takbeer-e-Oola' but also take children of an understanding age with us. Remember! If we take such children with us to the Masjid for Salah, their little minds will begin to incline towards Salah from their childhood because this gets inculcated into the minds of children since their childhood and gets firm and fixed into the minds instinctively. Keep telling them the excellences of Salah from time to time for making them Salah-abiding. إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ with the blessings of this, our children will become Salah-abiding from a tender age.

At present, providing good training to children and making them Salah-abiding and establishing other obligatory Salahs since their childhood is very necessary. For providing good training to children according to the Shari'ah, read the 188-page book '*Tarbiyyat-e-Awlad*' إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ this book will prove very helpful and productive in providing training to children. Remember! Prior to persuading children for any act, we must act upon that first! Otherwise our instructions would not be effective and the desired outcome will be rather difficult. So, before instructing children for Salah, inculcate this habit into yourselves first. The Glorious Quran and blessed Hadees carry enormous glad-tidings for those people who are punctual with their Salah. Let's listen to Divine a saying for making our mind-set of offering Salah with punctuality and seeking Islamic knowledge:

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ لَئِنْ أَقَمْتُمُ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَيْتُمُ الزَّكَاةَ وَآمَنْتُمْ بِرُسُلِي وَعَزَّرْتُمُوهُمْ
وَأَقْرَضْتُمُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا لَأُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَلَأُدْخِلَنَّكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And Allah said, 'Indeed I am with you; surely, if you establish the prayer and pay the charity, and believe in My Noble Messengers and respect them, and lend an excellent loan to Allah, I will surely forgive your sins, and I will surely admit you into Gardens beneath which rivers flow. (Part 6, Surah Al-Maidah, verse 12)

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Salah-abiding people are bestowed with excellent rewards and the glad-tidings of Jannah and forgiveness as well as good news about great favours. Let's listen to two blessed sayings of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in this regard:

1. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made five prayers obligatory. If anyone performs ablution for them well, offers them at their (right) time, and observes their bowing and submission properly, it is the guarantee of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He will pardon him; if anyone does not do so, there is no guarantee for him from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ; He عَزَّوَجَلَّ may pardon him if He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills, and punish him if He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills. (Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 1, pp. 186, Raqm 425)
2. If there is a river in the courtyard of any of you, and he takes bath in it five times a day, would there be any dirt left on him? People humbly said, '(There would be) nothing.' He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Prayer washes sins like water washes dirt.' (Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 165, Hadees 1397)

Dear Islamic brothers! Salah offering people become so fortunate that Divine blessings shower on them which removes their sins; with the blessing of Salah, past sins are forgiven, furthermore, a person begins to abandon indecent acts and sins. Keep attending the congregation of Dawat-e-Islami and take part in the area visit of calling towards righteousness in order to attain consistency

and steadfastness in offering Salah with punctuality; moreover, start Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* in the Masajid, locality and in houses. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** not only would you develop the habit of Salah but also obtain the huge reward of calling towards righteousness.

As excellent as Layla-tul-Qadr

A blessed Hadees states that there are no days more beloved to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** that He be worshipped in them than the ten days of Zul-Hijjah, fasting every day of them is the equivalent of fasting a year, and standing every night of them [in prayer] is the equivalent of standing on the Night of Qadr.

(Jami' Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 192, Hadees 758)

Fast of 'Arafah

Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** has narrated the following fragrant statement of the Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**: 'I presume on Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** that the fast of 'Arafah (9th Zul-Hijjah) removes the sins of the previous year and the next year.' (Sahih Muslim, pp. 589, Hadees 196)

One fast is equivalent to a thousand fasts

Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** has narrated that the Noble Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has said, 'The fast on 'Arafah (9th Zul-Hijjah) is equivalent to a thousand fasts.' (Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 357, Hadees 3764)

However, this fast is Makruh for the one who is in the plains of 'Arafat to perform Hajj as Sayyiduna Ibn Khuzaymah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** has narrated from Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** that the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah, the Owner of Jannah **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** forbade Hujjaj (Hajj-pilgrims) to keep fast on the day of 'Arafah (9th Zul-Hijjah) in 'Arafat (plains). (Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah, vol. 3, pp. 292, Hadees 2101)

مَاز و روزہ و حج و زکوٰۃ کی توفیق عطا ہو اُمّتِ محبوب کو سدا یا رب

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Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! Today, we have heard about the blessed biography of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

1. The status and rank of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is incredibly high in the sight of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
2. Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would always remain prepared to lay down his life for the sake of carrying out Divine commands.
3. Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام kept inviting people towards righteousness his whole life.
4. Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام proved incredibly helpful to his father in carrying out Divine commands.
5. Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the pioneer of Makkah Mukarramah and the blessed Ka'bah is also built by him.
6. The greatest miracle of Zamzam water has a close relation with the blessed feet of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
7. The Glorious Quran mentions 4 characteristics of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام (1) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was true to his promise (2) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was a communicator of unseen knowledge (3) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام commanded his people to offer Salah and give charity (4) He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was a beloved bondsman of Allah.

Dear Islamic brothers! We should ponder over our deeds keeping in view the blessed character of our pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى? We are not demanded to lay down our lives, nor are we overburdened more than our capacity of strength, still we are unable to perform easiest kinds of obligations or virtuous acts. Think carefully! If we depart from this world in sheer negligence then what will happen with us in the grave? And what will we answer to our Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ? May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ privilege us to lead a life according to the Shari'ah

& Sunnah, train our children in the light of Islamic commands and observe fasts for the sake of Sayyiduna Isma'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Majlis Maktaba-tul-Madinah

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ in today's predominantly evil and sinful era, over 97 departments, under Dawat-e-Islami, are serving actively in propagating the Sunan, the publication of 'Ilm-e-Deen and for calling towards righteousness. **Majlis Maktaba-tul-Madinah** is also one of these departments. Remember! Modern resources and technology play vital role in calling towards righteousness. Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing unit of Dawat-e-Islami was established in 1406 correspond to 1986 and launched its services with releasing audio Bayanaat (speeches).

The books of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, Amir-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ and other Islamic scholars published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah have reached in the hands of public in the quantity of millions, spreading and promoting Sunnah. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dawat-e-Islami has its own printing press. In addition, millions of audio cassettes and VCDs containing Sunnah-Inspiring speeches and Madani Muzakarahs have reached all over the world.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں اے دعوتِ اسلامی تیری دھوم مچی ہو!

Take part in 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to calling people towards righteous, do support Dawat-e-Islami and associate yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami in the struggle of reforming yourself and the people of entire world as well as take part in 12 Zayli Halqahs. Masjid Dars is also a Madani activity carried out daily.

It is stated that Allah ﷻ once sent a revelation to Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah ﷺ: *Learn good things yourself and also teach them to others. I will brighten the graves of those who learn and teach good things so that they will not have any type of fear.*

(Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 6, pp. 5, Raqm 7622)

Commenting on abovementioned narration, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat رحمه الله تعالى has stated: The abovementioned narration highlights the reward of learning and teaching righteous things. Those who deliver as well as those who listen to Sunnah-Inspiring speeches and Dars will surely be blissful and successful and their graves will be radiant from the inside, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. Furthermore, they will not have any fear, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. Likewise, those who spread righteousness making individual efforts, travel with Madani Qafilahs, inspire others to practice Fikr-e-Madinah by filling (out) their Madani In'amat booklet daily, persuade others to attend the Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima', and those who listen to righteous things by attending a Dars, Sunnah-inspiring speeches etc., the graves of all these people will also be radiant for the sake of the Noor of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ.

Madani parable

An Islamic brother from Mathura, India, has stated: 'I was a fashionable youngster and would often watch movies. Fortunately, I once listened to a Sunnah-Inspiring speech titled '*The Perils of Television*' released by Maktaba-tul-Madinah. The speech transformed my life, inspiring me to join the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. I suffered from appendicitis, and the doctors had advised me to undergo an operation for its treatment. I was terrified. Meanwhile, as a result of the individual effort of a preacher of Dawat-e-Islami, I travelled with a 3-day Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilah with devotees of the Rasool, for the first time in my life.

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, By the blessings of the Madani Qafilah, my disease was cured without any operation. *أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, Highly inspired by this, I now travel with a 3-day Madani Qafilah every month. Furthermore, I hand in my Madani In'amat booklet every month and wake up the Muslims for Salat-ul-Fajr every morning acting upon the Madani In'am of Sada-e-Madinah.'

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah ﷺ has said, ‘He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.’

(Ibn ‘Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

سینہ تری سُنت کا مدینہ بنے آقا جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

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9 Madani pearls regarding the ‘Imamah [Sunnah turban]

Two sayings of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ:

1. 2 Rak’at of Salah performed whilst wearing an ‘Imamah are better than offering 70 Rak’at without wearing an ‘Imamah.’
(Al-Firdaus bima Saur-ul-Khattab, vol. 2, pp. 265, Hadees 3233)
2. Offering Salah whilst wearing an ‘Imamah is equivalent to 10,000 virtues.’
(Al-Firdaus bima Saur-ul-Khattab, vol. 2, pp. 406, Hadees 3805)
3. Tie the ‘Imamah whilst standing and facing the Qiblah.
(Kashf-ul-Iltibas fis-Tihbab-il-Libas lish-Shaykh ‘Abdul Haq Dihlvi, pp. 38)
4. The Sunnah of the ‘Imamah is that it should not be shorter than 2½ yards in length, nor should it be longer than 6 yards, and it should be bound in a dome-like shape. (Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 22, pp. 186)
5. If you have a large handkerchief with which you can produce enough folds to cover the whole head, then it will be considered as an ‘Imamah.
6. It is Makruh to bind a small kerchief with which one can only produce one or two folds. (Fatawa Razawiyyah – referenced, vol. 7, pp. 299)
7. It is more appropriate to wrap the first fold of the ‘Imamah towards the right side of the head. (Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 22, pp. 199)

8. If 'Imamah is to be taken off out of some need and there is the intention of binding it again, then one sin will be erased on unwinding each fold.
(*Fatawa Razawiyyah*, vol. 6, pp. 214)
9. The length of the Shimlah of the 'Imamah should be at least the width of four fingers, and at most up to the middle of the back, i.e. approximately the length of one arm.

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To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet.

سُنّتوں کی تربیت کے قافلے میں بار بار

مجھ کو جذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پروردگار

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
اَلْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى اٰلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet ﷺ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (Afzal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has stated, ‘Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.’ (ibid, pp. 65)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. (Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’, pp. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-‘Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةٍ دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.’ (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’*, pp. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa’at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانْزِلْهُ الْبُقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(*Attarghib Wattarhib*, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.’

(*Majma’-uz-Zawaid*, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَنَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيم' and 'كَرِيم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.

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